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THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As per available information, 19 posts of Chief Executives and 50 posts of Functional Directors are vacant in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)

(b) The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has already made selections in respect of 14 posts of Chief Executives and 34 posts of Functional Directors and sent its recommendations to the concerned Administrative Ministries/Departments for making the appointments.

(c) The appointments of Chief Executives and Functional Directors in CPSEs are made by the concerned Administrative Ministries/Departments on the basis of recommendations of the PESB and after obtaining the approval of the competent authority. The Government has issued detailed guidelines indicating the defined time-frame for filling up such posts in CPSEs so that the PESB recommendations should be made at least 6 months in advance of the date of occurrence of vacancy and are sent to the concerned Ministry/Department for completing other formalities.

Concessions to automotive industry

2209. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from the Indian automotive industry for tax holiday for investments exceeding Rs. 500 crores on the lines of infrastructure projects;

(b) if so, the details of the representation made so;

(c) whether it is a fact that the automotive industry is also demanding-100 per cent tax deductions on export profits and one-stop clearance for FDI proposals in the auto sector;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has studied the viability of those proposals; and

(e) if so, what decision has been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (e) Department of Heavy

Industry has received from the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA), pre-Budget memoranda for inclusion in the Budget 2007-08 which *inter-alia* includes proposals for (i) Tax holiday for investments exceeding Rs. 500 crores on the lines of infrastructure project; (ii) 100% tax deductions on export profits; (iii) one stop clearance for FDI proposals in the auto sector, etc.

Modification of fiscal policy is the prerogative of the Parliament and is taken up as a part of budgetary exercise. Such suggestions are examined by the Ministry of Finance at the time of formulation of Budget for all the sectors including the automotive sector.

Setting up of Auto testing track

†2210. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state by when the sanctioned auto-testing track facility is likely to be set up in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): The Proving Ground Facilities at Pithampur of Dhar District of Madhya Pradesh is scheduled to be completed by December, 2010.

Public undertakings in NER

2211. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public/private undertaking set up in the North-Eastern Region specially in the State of Sikkim during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the details of annual production and manufacturing capacity of these undertakings; and

(d) the details of investment planned in the NER during the next three years, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.